

***Louisiana ANFP Wins
National Diamond Award***



June 7th 2017

On June 7th 2017 Louisiana ANFP was graciously awarded the Diamond Award from the National ANFP. We won this award for our Diamond initiative of partnering with the Veterans Administration Homeless Veterans outreach program. The Louisiana ANFP has been on a mission to promote awareness of homeless veterans within our state. During the year, each of our districts has been raising funds and awareness of homeless veterans within our communities. At our spring meeting, we held a bagging of these items for our homeless veterans in Louisiana, and were able to provide the VA with 100 filled backpacks.

Far too many veterans are homeless in America—between 130,000 and 200,000 on any given night—representing between one fourth and one-fifth of all homeless people. Three times that many veterans are struggling with excessive rent burdens and, thus, are at increased risk of homelessness.

Further, there is concern about the future. Women veterans and those with disabilities, including posttraumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, are more likely to become homeless and a higher percentage of veterans returning from the current conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq have these characteristics.

Approximately 40% of homeless men are veterans, although veterans comprise only 34% of the general adult male population. The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans estimates that on any given night, 200,000 veterans are homeless, and 400,000 veterans will experience homelessness during a year (National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, 2006). Ninety seven percent of those homeless veterans will be male according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

We will be participating in a VA Stand Down this coming September 29th. A Stand Down connects homeless veterans with services that lead to permanent housing and supplies to help during the transition.

We are inviting all of our members to come out to the VA Hospital in Alexandria LA on September 29th to help us serve our veterans a continental breakfast and a jambalaya lunch and provide them with a backpack filled with daily essentials. Please consider joining us as we continue to grow our support program for our wonderful veterans.

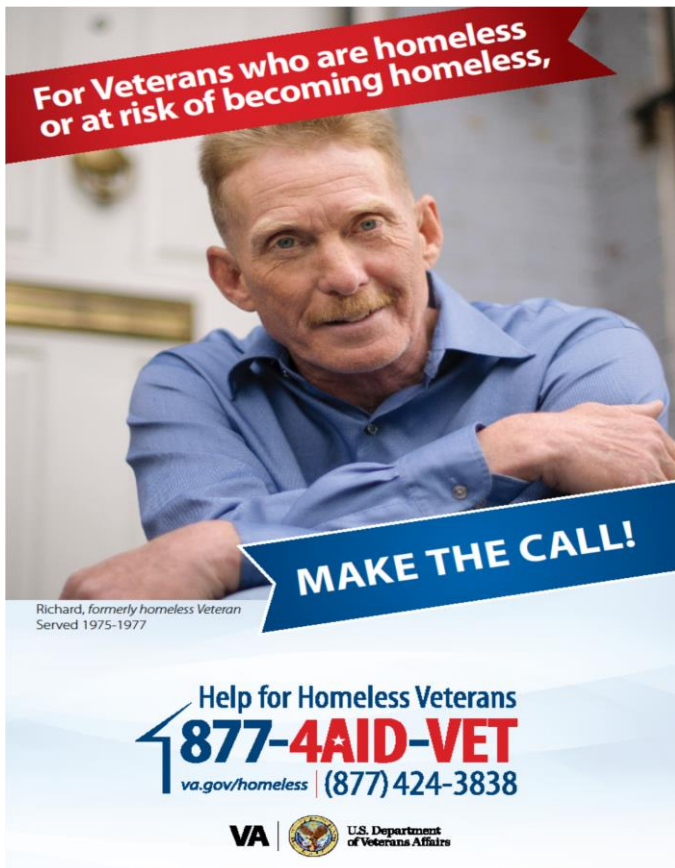
We are also selling T-shirts at the link below to raise funds for veteran's supplies. Please consider purchasing one and wearing it to the VA Stand Down September 29th in Alexandria.

http://www.booster.com/louisiana-anfp-supports-veterans?ref=email_messaging_desktop-dashboard-campaign-v1&utm_campaign=desktop-dashboard-campaign-v1&utm_content=louisiana-anfp-supports-veterans&utm_medium=messaging&utm_source=email

We thank all of our members for your continued support of this initiative. I am pleased to say that our neighbors to the north, (Oklahoma) will be joining us this September to assist with the Stand Down.

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